

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1512 – HB 2192

February 25, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a law enforcement booking agency to determine if an arrested person is the parent or legal custodian of any children under the age of eighteen, who the child's next of kin is, and who has physical custody of each child while the person is in law enforcement custody. Requires booking agencies to develop procedures for notifying the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to initiate a child welfare check based on the information provided by arrested person. Requires DCS, through Child Protective Services (CPS), to conduct a welfare check when notified by booking agency.

CORRECTED FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$17,577,100

Increase Federal Expenditures – Exceeds \$14,171,200

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012973): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires a law enforcement agency to determine if an arrested person is the parent or legal custodian of any children under the age of 18, who the child's next of kin is, and who has physical custody of each child while the person is in law enforcement custody.

Requires law enforcement agencies to develop policies and procedures for conducting welfare checks on children based on the information provided by arrested person.

Requires each law enforcement agency to conduct timely child welfare checks in accordance with aforementioned policies and procedures.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Child welfare checks are currently conducted by local law enforcement agencies as part of their authorized duties.

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- Passage of this legislation will not significantly increase the number of child welfare checks that local law enforcement conduct as officers will determine if a welfare check is necessary based on the information provided by the arrested person.
- Agencies can develop the required policies and procedures associated with conducting welfare checks utilizing existing resources.
- Any increase in local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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